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ON MARCH 1

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- 1. THIS MESSAGE IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY FOR POSTS IN NON-GSP BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES.
- 2. THIS TELEGRAM UPDATES PARA 3, LIST 1 OF REFTEL, SINCE WE NOW HAVE 12 MONTH DATA. UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED BELOW PRODUCTS FROM COUNTRIES LISTED IN LIST 1 OF REFTEL ARE EXCLUDED FROM DUTY-FREE GSP IMPORTATION FROM MARCH 1, 1978 UNDER THE COMPETITIVE NEED PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974.
- 3. TSUS NUMBERS THAT SHOULD BE DELETED FROM LIST 1 OF REFTEL. THESE PRODUCTS REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR GSP FROM THESE COUNTRIES.

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4. TSUS NUMBERS AND COUNTRIES THAT SHOULD BE ADDED TO LIST 1 IN REFTEL. PRODUCTS FROM THESE COUNTRIES WILL BE EXCLUDED UNDER COMPETITIVE NEED FORMULA.

156.35	IVORY COAST	36
202.40	PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC	51
240.19	REPUBLIC OF CHINA	52
240.58	REPUBLIC OF CHINA	72
445.20	COLOMBIA 56	
520.39	HONG KONG 51	
545.35	REPUBLIC OF CHINA	57
622.25	BRAZIL 100	
626.22	MEXICO 51	
628.40	MEXICO 90	
653.47	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	&&
653.49	REPUBLIC OF CHINA	&&
653.93	REPUBLIC OF CHINA	&&
674.56	MEXICO 54	
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678.50 REPUBLIC OF CHINA 49
678.50 REPUBLIC OF CHINA 36
685.28 REPUBLIC OF KOREA $$ $54&&$
702.08 REPUBLIC OF KOREA 62
706.40 HONG KONG 52
734.40 REPUBLIC OF CHINA 52
735.20 HONG KONG
737.95 HONG KONG96
740.10 HONG KONG 40
740.38 HONG KONG 35
772.51 REPUBLIC OF KOREA
773.20 REPUBLIC OF CHINA 89
790.60 REPUBLIC OF KOREA 52
790.62 REPUBLIC OF CHINA 53

- 5. POSTS SHOULD BE AWARE OF FACT THAT COMPETITIVE NEED EXCLUSIONS ARE NOT DISCRETIONARY. THEY ARE BASED ON US LAW ESTABLISHING GSP AND THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S IMPORTS STATISTICS, AND THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NO POSSIBILITY OF WAIVING THESE EXCLUSIONS EXCEPT WHERE USITC DETERMINES THAT THERE WAS NOT LIKE OR DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE PRODUCTION IN US ON JANUARY 3, 1975, DATE OF ENACTMENT OF TRADE ACT. IN THIS CASE 50 PERCENT COMPETITIVE NEED EXCLUSIONS CAN BE WAIVED.
- 6. INTER-AGENCY GSP SUB-COMMITTEE IS REVIEWING NEW TRADE DATA TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE RE-DESIGNATION OF PRODUCTS AND COUNTRIES THAT AFTER HAVING BEEN EXCLUDED FROM GSP UNDER COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITS IN 1977 FELL BELOW THE CN LIMIT IN 1977. WE EXPECT A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE ITEMS TO BE REDESIGNATED. IN ADDITION INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE IS ALSO CONCLUDING REVIEW OF REQUESTS OF PRODUCTS FOR POSSIBLE ADDITION AND/OR UNCLASSIFIED

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DELETION FROM THE GSP LIST. POSTS WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

7. SEE REFTEL B FOR EXPLANATION OF TSUS ITEMS WITH ASTERISK (&&). EXACT STATISTICS FOR TSUS 653.47, 653.49 AND 653.93 ARE NOT AVAILABLE, BUT WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT EACH OF THE COUNTRIES LISTED NEXT TO ABOVE ITEMS DID SUPPLY MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF US IMPORTS DURING 1977 AND THUS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM GSP TREATMENT DURING 1978. VANCE

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